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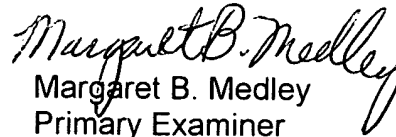
The reply filed on October 11, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to address the 102 (b) rejection of claim 1, 4-9, 13-18 and 21-29 over Jarvis et al (Jarvis 5,679,117 that is set forth in paragraph 3 at page 4 of Paper No. 17 dated June 4, 2002. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret B. Medley whose telephone number is 703-308-2518. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on (703) 306-2777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9310.

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